

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2298 - SB 2577

February 10, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes an individual to apply for a hearing specialist license without an educational equivalent of two years of accredited college level coursework or national board certification if they have at least ten years of certain work experience.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently, Tennessee Code Annotated § 63-17-207 requires that applicants have an equivalent to two years of accredited college level coursework or National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences (NBC-HIS) board certification. However, under the proposed legislation an applicant may instead have at least 10 years of experience working as an industrial hearing conservationist for an audiologist licensed in Tennessee, as a lab technician working with hearing aids, or other equivalent experience.
- The proposed legislation is assumed not to lead to a significant increase in the number of individuals applying for a hearing instrument specialist license. Therefore, any increase state revenue from application fees to the Council for Hearing Instrument Specialists will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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